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### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

#### Announcement of the IMO Oil and Litter Information Network

##### Note by the Secretariat

#### SUMMARY

<i>Executive summary:</i>	This is an announcement that the IMO Oil and Litter Information Network can be visited during this meeting and henceforth via the IMO web-site.
<i>Action to be taken:</i>	Paragraph 4
<i>Related document:</i>	MEPC 44/20, paragraphs 9.18 - 9.20

1 An Information Clearing-House is being developed to support the implementation of the UNEP/Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities, in short GPA, by providing practical information to decision-makers and the public.

2 International partners are developing the various components for the issues addressed by the GPA as called for in the UN General Assembly resolution 51/189 on institutional arrangements for implementation of the GPA. For marine pollution arising from oil and litter, IMO had been requested to compile an Oil and Litter Information Network that will function as a node of the GPA Clearing House. As IMO was not in a position to develop this component, due to lack of financial resources, Environment Canada kindly offered to develop this network in collaboration with IMO.

3 The IMO Oil and Litter Information Network can be accessed through the IMO Web-site. It includes links to relevant Web-sites; e-mail to relevant contacts; answers to frequently asked questions; a glossary of technical terms; and references with advice on how to obtain them. The IMO Oil and Litter Network can also be visited during this meeting in the extension of the IMO delegates' lounge marked "Conference Services".

#### Action requested of the Committee

4 The Committee is invited to take note of this announcement and to encourage delegates to visit the IMO Oil and Litter Information Network.